

Glenwood Ranger District

Gila National Forest

ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2020

CEDAR BREAKS #404

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kendall Brown (Forest Service) met with Hugh B. & Marge McKeen (permittees) on January 8, 2020 to discuss management of the Cedar Breaks Allotment during the current grazing year and to plan grazing management during the upcoming grazing season. These Annual Operating Instructions are the result of those discussions.

The authorized stocking for the upcoming grazing season on the Cedar Breaks Allotment is as follows:

Term Permitted Livestock Numbers

Number and Class of Livestock	Dates
145 Cattle-Cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28
5 Horses-Saddle	03/01 – 02/28

Cedar Breaks Allotment Annual Authorization

Number and Class of Livestock Authorized	Dates Authorized
145 Cattle-Cow/calf	03/01 – 02/28
5 Horses-Saddle	03/01 – 02/28

Cedar Breaks Allotment Rotation Schedule

Class of Livestock	Dates	Pasture
Cow/Calf	03/01 – 03/31	East CCC
Cow/Calf	04/01 – 06/15	South Cedar Breaks
Cow/Calf	06/15 – 07/15	North Cedar Breaks
Cow/Calf	07/15 – 10/01	East CCC
Cow/Calf	10/01 - 02/28	West CCC
Horses	03/01 – 02/28	Community
Horses/Cattle	Holding/Doctoring 03/01 – 02/28	Highway 180, River
Note: No cattle or horses are allowed in the San Francisco River.		

You did not use Highway 180 holding pasture in **2019**.

The above schedule for stocking the allotment depends upon the availability of forage and water. Some flexibility in the above pasture rotation dates will be allowed for justifiable causes such as weather conditions, livestock management needs, and range conditions. If there is a need to deviate from the above pasture rotation schedule by more than 15 days, you must notify the Ranger District of the proposed change in the pasture rotation date and the reason for the change. A deviation from the above schedule of more than 15 days must be approved verbally or in writing. Credit/Refund applications will not be processed unless District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time of removal of stock.

II. MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

You are responsible for monitoring water availability and forage utilization. It is your responsibility to move your livestock when sufficient water is no longer available or when proper forage utilization is achieved in a pasture. You are responsible for keeping

track of and maintaining control of your livestock. In the event your livestock are found to be out of the scheduled pasture, you will be required to find, gather, and return your animals to the proper pasture as soon as possible.

III. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

All range improvements assigned in the 10-year Term Grazing Permit are to be maintained in functioning condition. In the event these improvements cannot be brought up to a functioning condition, you should notify this office so we can schedule them for reconstruction as funds become available. You may apply for a free use post and stay permit for the maintenance of fences and corrals on your allotment. The following is a list of improvements that we discussed that need reconstruction.

- Reconstruct 1 mile of fence #106 on South Cedar Breaks pasture.
- Clean out of Section 20 tank in Community pasture. Work can begin once tank is dry.
- Section 5 tank washed out (breached dam) during the floods in September 2013. Need to re-construct. Clearances have been obtained and reconstruction can proceed. The Glenwood District will have our FS dozer and operator perform this work. Was fixed but has blown out again. Will see if they will fix it again.
- Permittee proposes burying a pipeline from private land across HWY 180 and into South Cedar Breaks pasture near Highway Tank and setting a drinker. This work will require environmental clearances.
- Permittee has interest in drilling a well in north end of Community pasture. Permittee want to repair/reroute road into the location of proposed well in Community pasture. The well and road will require environmental clearances.

IV. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

Keep track of conditions on your allotment and make plans to reduce or remove livestock if vegetative/watershed conditions could be substantially harmed due to continued grazing. If water and/or forage availability becomes a problem, we may need to adjust the rotation schedule. Contact Kendall Brown if there is a need to adjust the schedule.

Cattle are not authorized to be in the San Francisco River. Please promptly remove any cattle that stray into these areas.

V. MODIFICATIONS

Open and positive communications concerning all AOI content is encouraged. Feel free to contact Kendall Brown if you have any questions or concerns.

If unforeseen operational conditions require a change in the management specified in this AOI please contact rangeland management personnel at the Glenwood Ranger District. Change requests should be made in advance so that field inspections (if necessary) can be conducted. Approval of changes to this AOI may be verbal or written, depending on the nature of the change requested. Verbal changes will be documented to your file for record keeping purposes. Failure to follow the direction provided in this AOI, or other instructions (verbal or written) of a Forest Officer may lead to adverse action against your Term Grazing Permit (Part 1, Section 3 of your Term Grazing Permit).